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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Political Economy, Economic History

CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor (Akademische Rätin), Hohenheim University 10/2023 – present
Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences
Chair of Economic and Social History with Agricultural History

Senior Research Associate, Göttingen University 08/2022 – present
Faculty of Business and Economics
Chair of Development Economics

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Research Associate, Heidelberg University 09/2015 – 07/2022
Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences
Chair of International and Development Politics
(Maternity Leave: September – December 2020)

Research Assistant to Prof. Till Bärnighausen 03 – 11/2017
Heidelberg Institute of Public Health

VISITING RESEARCH STAYS

University of California San Diego, USA 10/2019 – 04/2022
Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel 02 – 04/2018 and 02 – 07/2019
College of William & Mary and AidData, USA 01 – 02/2016

EDUCATION

Heidelberg University, Germany 10/2017 – 10/2022
Ph.D. in Economics, Grade: summa cum laude
– Thesis: Essays in Political Economy–
Historical Natural Experiments and Economic Development
– Committee: Prof. Dr. Axel Dreher, Dr. Raphaël Franck,
and Prof. Dr. Jale Tosun

**Maastricht University and
United Nations University, The Netherlands** 09/2013 – 08/2014
Dual-degree: MSc in Public Policy and Human Development
– Thesis: The Endogeneity of Political Violence
– Advisers: Prof. Lutz Krebs, Prof. David M. Van Slyke

**RMS Reims Management School and
ESB Business School Reutlingen, France & Germany** 09/2009 – 07/2013
Dual-degree: BSc in International Management

ADVANCED TRAINING

Graduate Course (auditor): Remote Sensing I & II, 01/2020 – 06/2020
UCSD (Gordon C. McCord & Susanne Benz)

Ph.D. Course: Geospatial Economics I & II, 10/2018 – 01/2019
Leibniz University Hannover (Richard Bluhm)

Summer School: Econometrics of Panel Data and Network Analysis, HU Berlin (Jeffrey Wooldridge & Steven Durlauf)	08/2017
Short Course: Applied Econometrics with R and Monte Carlo Simulations, TU Braunschweig (Richard Bluhm)	05/2017
Ph.D. Courses in Economics, University of Mannheim	09 – 12/2015

PUBLICATIONS (REFEREED)	[1] Does India Use Development Finance to Compete With China? A Subnational Analysis (with Vera Z. Eichenauer, Andreas Fuchs, & Bradley Parks) [Kiel Working Papers, 2189, June 2021, <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> , 2024]
	[2] Community delivery of antiretroviral drugs: A non-inferiority matched-pair pragmatic cluster-randomized trial in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (with Pascal Geldsetzer, Joel M. Francis, David Sando, Irene A. Lema, Eric Mboggo, Happiness Koda, Sharon Lwezaula, Ramya Ambikapathi, Wafaie Fawzi, Nzovu Ulenga, & Till Bärnighausen), <i>PLOS Medicine</i> Vol. 15(9), 2018

UNDER REVIEW	[3] State Capacity, National Economic Policies and Local Development: The Russian State in the Southern Urals (with Raphaël Franck), resubmitted to <i>the Journal of Economic History</i>
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WORK IN PROGRESS	[4] Political Violence and Radicalization: Evidence from 50,000 Parliamentary Speeches around the 1789 French Revolution (with Richard Bluhm, Raphaël Franck, & Raphael Heiko Heiberger)
	[5] The Long-run Consequences of Incarceration: Evidence from the 1851 French Coup d'État (with Richard Bluhm & Raphaël Franck)
	[6] Roots of Revolution: Drivers of Radicalization in the Russian Empire (with Andrei Markevich, Marvin Suesse, & Julia Zimmermann)
	[7] Independence Movements and Ethnic Politics: The Mau Mau Origins of Ethnic Voting and Distrust in Kenya (with Richard Bluhm & Tobias Korn)
[8] Liberal Values and Civic Engagement: Evidence from a Failed Revolution	

COLLECTED WORKS	[9] BRICS and Foreign Aid (with Andreas Fuchs & Angelika Müller) intended for publication in <i>The World Scientific Reference on the Economies of the BRIC Countries</i> (edited by Edward Mansfield & Nita Rudra), World Scientific Publishing
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SHORT ARTICLES	[10] The economic impact of the Russian state in the Southern Urals, from the 18th century to the present (with Raphaël Franck), blog article for VoxEU
	[11] Russia's foreign aid re-emerges (with Andreas Fuchs & Angelika Müller), blog article for AidData's The First Tranche
	[12] Is India the New China? Rivalries in Development Finance in Africa and Beyond (with Andreas Fuchs, Vera Z. Eichenauer & Bradley C. Parks, blog article for SWP's Megatrends Afrika

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Refereeing: Review of International Organizations, European Journal of Development Research, Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE) 2019 & 2020 selection committee Conference/Workshop Organization: Tracking International Aid and Investment from Developing and Emerging Economies (Program Committee) 2017, Verein für Sozialpolitik Entwicklungsökonomischer Ausschuss (VfS AEL) (Local Organizing Committee) 2017, scheduled
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE **The Industrial Revolution and the Roots of Modern Growth** (lecture in English, undergraduate level)
– U Hohenheim Winter 2023/24, Winter 2024/25
Macroeconomics (tutorial in German, undergraduate level)
– U Heidelberg Winter 2016/17, Winter 2017/18, Winter 2018/19
Institutional Economics (tutorial in English, graduate level)
– U Heidelberg Winter 2016/17 and Summer 2018
Supervision of bachelor and master theses, seminar papers
– U Heidelberg Winter 2016/17 – Summer 2022, U Göttingen Winter 2022/23 –today, U Hohenheim Winter 2023/24 – today

CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS **2023:** European Public Choice Society (EPCS), German Development Economics Conference (GDE), Beyond Basic Questions Seminar (BBQ)
2021: BBQ, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) Seminar
2020: Economic History Graduate Webinar (YSI), Graduate Economic History Seminar (LSE), Joint Micro and Development Economics Seminar (UCSD), Omni-Methods-Group Seminar (UCSD)
2019: EPCS, Summer Workshop on the Economic History and Historical Political Economy of Russia (U Wisconsin-Madison–CREECA), Workshop on Geodata and Economics (U Hamburg), Verein für Socialpolitik Entwicklungsökonomischer Ausschuss (VfS AEL), Annual Meeting of the Economic History Association (EHA), European Historical Economics Society Conference (EHES), Research Seminar UNU-MERIT/ Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, International Political Economy Society (IPES)
2018: EPCS, Spring Meeting of Young Economists, VfS AEL, BBQ
2017: BRICS and the Global Economy (National U of Singapore), EPCS, IPES, VfS AEL, BBQ, DIAL Development Conference, Tracking International Aid and Investment from Developing and Emerging Economies

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS **Ph.D. Scholarship of the Israeli Council for Higher Education**, stipend for a one year research fellowship at Hebrew University of Jerusalem (NIS 80,000)
Erasmus Study Mobility Grant, monthly stipend for undergraduate studies at Reims Management School in France
Excellence Initiative of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (FoF4), grant for workshop funding (EUR 5,000)
AidData (College of William & Mary), grant for workshop funding (USD 8,000)

SKILLS & PERSONAL **Statistical Programming and Applications:** R, Stata, L^AT_EX, ArcGIS, QGIS, RStudio;
Languages: German & Russian (native), English & French (fluent); **Personal:** 2 children (born October 2020 & May 2024)

REFERENCES AVAILABLE TO CONTACT **Axel Dreher** (e-mail: mail[at]axel-dreher.de)
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Raphaël Franck (e-mail: raphael.franck[at]mail.huji.ac.il)
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Andreas Fuchs (e-mail: mail[at]andreas-fuchs.net)
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